

**SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 12**

1 A resolution to declare January 31, 2019, as Omphalocele
2 Awareness Day in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, An omphalocele is a birth defect that occurs early in
4 pregnancy in which the abdominal wall does not close properly and
5 some or most of the abdominal organs protrude on the outside of the
6 fetus's body through the umbilical cord; and

7 Whereas, It is estimated that a small omphalocele occurs in
8 about 1 out of every 5,000 live births and a large or giant
9 omphalocele occurs in about 1 out of every 10,000 live births; and

10 Whereas, An omphalocele may be isolated or may be associated
11 with other defects or chromosomal abnormalities; and

12 Whereas, Despite the challenges a baby born with an

1 omphalocele may face, many babies who are born with an omphalocele
2 survive and go on to live happy, healthy lives; and

3 Whereas, Mothers of Omphaloceles, "MOO", is a group of parents
4 from around the world that was created to provide hope, support,
5 and information to families with babies diagnosed with an
6 omphalocele; now, therefore, be it

7 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
8 this legislative body declare January 31, 2019, as Omphalocele
9 Awareness Day in the state of Michigan. We recognize and commend
10 the Mothers of Omphaloceles for their courageous efforts to
11 advocate for their children.